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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4-17, 19 and 20 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-3 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Saito et al. 4,850,268 in view Cornwell 5,195,635.

Regarding claim 1, Saito et al. '268 discloses a mobile containerized autopsy facility (1) for use in distant contamination zones but does not show at least one enclosure which includes at least one seamless and sealable compartment, which compartment meets biohazard safety level 3 and 4 requirements.

Cornwell '635 teaches one enclosure which includes at least one seamless and sealable compartment, which compartment meets biohazard safety level 3 and 4 requirements.

Regarding claim 1, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the mobile containerized autopsy facility of Saito et al. '268 with one enclosure which includes at least one seamless and sealable compartment, which compartment meets biohazard safety level 3 and 4 requirements, as taught by Cornwell '635, in order to allow safe disposing and containing of infectious medical waste, sharp or non sharp.

Regarding claim 2, Saito et al. '268, as modified, discloses the mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein the facility is in the form of a standard cargo container.

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Regarding claim 3, Saito et al. '268, as modified, discloses the mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 1, wherein the facility comprises an exterior housing in the form of the container and having an internal enclosure therein which contains the compartment.

Regarding claim 18, Saito et al. '268, as modified, discloses the mobile containerized autopsy facility according to claim 11 wherein the facility further comprises connections adapted for receiving external supply for an air-conditioning system.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 4-17, 19 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 18 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lori L. Lyjak whose telephone number is 571-272-6658.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 7:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Glenn Dayoan can be reached on 571-272-6659. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 3612

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